



Annual Report for 2003–2004

to the Minister of Seniors

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004



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Vision

To increase the recognition of seniors as one of Alberta's most valuable resources.

Mission

To improve the quality of life of Alberta seniors by fostering an environment of understanding within Government and the general public, of aging and the needs of older people.

Mandate

The Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta serves as a communication link between Alberta's seniors and the Government of Alberta. The Council consults with seniors and also provides information to seniors and government. Through collaboration, the Council strives to assist seniors to live life to the fullest.

A. CHAIR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta were truly vital, active and involved during the past year and Council staff have done an outstanding job in supporting Council members' efforts. I am therefore very pleased to introduce this Report on the Council's activities and accomplishments between April 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004.

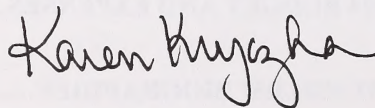
It is important to acknowledge the commitment of these Council members who retired in 2003: Carol Blyth, Noordean Tejpar and Harry Zuurbier (deceased) all of Calgary and Area; Peter Portlock and Harry Long of Edmonton and Area; and Margaret Heath from the North West Region.

During the year, Council members continued to improve their own understanding of the concerns of seniors and seniors' service providers, as well as the solutions that are working well in Alberta communities, through:

- touring 12 seniors' facilities
- hosting two Public Consultations
- completing an extensive process to gather stakeholders' views on Seniors' Health Supports
- developing and distributing 10 publications
- spearheading the 17th Annual Seniors' Week in 2003, and planning for Seniors' Week 2004
- receiving nine presentations, and
- attending 164 other meetings, conferences, and events.

The Council's recommendations, resulting from these interactions with seniors and seniors' service providers from April 2003 to March 2004, can be found on pages 7 to 12 of this Report. Enjoy!

Sincerely,



Karen Kryczka,
MLA Calgary-West and
Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta

B. CONSULTATIONS, TOURS AND PRESENTATIONS

Members of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta share information and gather feedback by:

- touring seniors' facilities (housing, long-term care, seniors' centres)
- hosting consultations and quarterly meetings throughout the province, and
- working closely with seniors and seniors' organizations in their communities.

Based on input from these interactions, the Council makes recommendations to the Government on the legislation, policies, programs and funding affecting Alberta's senior citizens. The Council also makes resolutions to enhance its own efforts to serve as an effective communication link between Alberta's seniors and the Government of Alberta.

1. *Consultation at the Annual Seniors Services Workshop*

The **purpose** of this Consultation, held in Edmonton on September 11 and 12, 2003, was to assist the Council in its continuing efforts to be well informed of seniors' challenges and solutions. The session was designed to enable participants to contribute to small group discussions about:

- which seniors' programs and services are working well in Alberta
- concerns and challenges related to programs and services for our province's seniors, and an identification of those most important to address, and
- solutions that have been implemented, or could be created, to continue to build on what is working well and to effectively deal with the challenges.

The **findings** from this Consultation are included in the Council's *Semi-Annual Report for 2003-2004* (for the period April 1 to September 30, 2003) as Appendix A, which can be obtained through the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-800-642-3853.

2. *Public Consultation in Medicine Hat and Area*

In conjunction with their September 2003 Full Quarterly Council Meeting in Medicine Hat and Area, members of the Seniors Advisory Council of Alberta hosted a public consultation session with representatives from seniors' clubs, centers, agencies, other service providers, and area MLAs.

Fifty participants attended the Consultation Session. **They identified many positive factors,** including:

- Seniors Outreach Worker
- we have a great network in the community
- the City of Medicine Hat Volunteer Services offers 18 support programs
- Meals on Wheels Program
- Wheels to Meals Program
- the hospital Geriatric Assessment Unit
- the Veiner (Seniors) Centre
- the Keays Program
- subsidized housing for low income seniors
- City Transportation – especially the Special Transit
- financial support for seniors provided by the Province – Alberta Seniors Benefit and Special Needs Assistance for Seniors, and
- the local Alberta Seniors Information Services Officer.

Seniors and their service providers also identified their **concerns and challenges**, including:

- Elder Abuse is a big concern and continues to emerge
- insufficient mental health care services for seniors
- people with stroke symptoms are not supported (in hospitals)
- there is no Stroke Discharge Program
- need for some type of assisted living for low income seniors
- a percentage of people between the ages of 50 – 65, who are not eligible for pension cheques, are falling through the cracks
- cost of living is rising and incomes are fixed
- too many groups are claiming to speak out for seniors and some are unduly adversarial, and
- automated answering services are compounding the stress!

The following **suggestions** were offered by consultation participants **to build on their strengths or address the challenges and concerns** in their communities:

- better screening, treatment and support for mental health needs for seniors
- more affordable housing
- subsidy for housing that follows the seniors – seniors' choice
- address cutoffs for income support levels
- city continue to survey patrons and service providers to determine direction
- implement satellite seniors program
- establish formal community protocol for reports of seniors who are abused, and
- implement some form of independent “ombudsman” role as an avenue for seniors to voice concerns.

A 25-page Summary Report, with more information on the Public Consultation and Tour in the Medicine Hat area, has been forwarded to the Minister of Seniors and all participants, including MLAs in the region. This report, entitled *Consultation with Seniors and Service Providers: Medicine Hat and Area – South Region*, is available, upon request, through the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-800-642-3853.

3. Consultations on Seniors' Health Supports

In addition to the two broad ranging public consultations noted above, the Council also completed an extensive process to gather stakeholders' views on Seniors' Health Supports.

A Report on this endeavour, entitled *Final Report on Seniors' Health Supports* was presented to the Minister of Seniors in February 2004, and subsequently distributed to all participants and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Copies can be requested through the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-800-642-3853.

4. Tours

When the Council was in Calgary for their Full Quarterly Meeting in May 2003, they also toured:

- the Agape Hospice
- the Bethany Care Centre
- the VON Fanning Centre, and
- the Integrated Medical Services Centre.

In conjunction with their Quarterly Meeting in September 2003, the Council conducted a Tour of eight seniors centres and seniors housing facilities in the Medicine Hat area on September 18, 2003. They visited:

- Chinook Village
- Club Sierra at River Ridge Retirement Residence
- Good Samaritan Southridge Village
- Leisure Way Group Home
- Marantha Villa
- South Country Village
- The Valleyview, and
- The Veiner Centre.

As noted above, a Summary Report of this Tour has been presented to the Minister of Seniors and distributed to all participants and the MLAs in the region.

5. *Presentations to the Council*

In conjunction with their Quarterly Meetings, the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta invites presentations by experts on topics of concern to seniors and seniors' service providers. These presentations enable Council members to enhance their own understanding of challenges and what's working well, in keeping with their mission to improve the quality of life of Alberta seniors by fostering an environment of understanding of aging and the needs of older people, within Government and the general public.

Over the past year, the Council has received eight presentations. On **May 9, 2003**, during their **Quarterly Meeting in Calgary**, the Council heard from:

- **Greer Black**, President and CEO, Bethany Care Society and Past President, Alberta Long Term Care Association, on the Alberta Long Term Care Association
- **Dwight Ganske**, Director of Client and Information Services, Alberta Seniors, provided an update on ministry programs, and
- **Anne Ulrich**, Clinical Services Manager, on the Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program.

During their **September 18th – 20th Full Quarterly Meeting in Medicine Hat**, the Council heard from Dwight Ganske, Director of Client and Information Services, Alberta Seniors, on:

- the Department structure and organization
- Long Term Care accommodation rate changes, and
- the 2003–2004 Seniors Ministry budget.

On **December 4**, at the Council's **Full Quarterly Meeting in Edmonton**, the following presentations were received:

- an update on the ministry budget, the natural gas rebate, and the ministry annual report from **Dwight Ganske**, Director of Client and Information Services, Alberta Seniors
- an overview of Alberta Seniors' Planning and Research Branch, presented by **Bruce West**, Director
- information offered by **Mitch Fuhr**, Director, Fitness Monitoring Branch, Alberta Transportation, and
- ideas about pre-retirement planning, provided by **Wayne Taylor**, Canadian Association of Pre-Retirement Planners.

On **March 31, 2004**, in conjunction with the Council's **Full Quarterly Meeting in Edmonton**:

- **Jennifer d'Obrenan**, owner of Self Skills Coaching "Developing Leaders" in Edmonton, provided a presentation on networking.

6. Ongoing Consultations with Seniors and Service Providers

In addition to the Consultations and Tours initiated by the Council, individual Council members attended a total of 164 other meetings, conferences, and events during the year, to gather and share information. A full list of these events is included in this Report as Appendix B.

C. KEY CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As a communication link between the Government of Alberta and our senior citizens, the Council hears about **challenges** of major concern to our aging population and **community solutions** that are working well. Based on what it has heard, the Council makes recommendations to the Government of Alberta, which are intended to improve the quality of life of Alberta seniors. The Council also makes resolutions to enhance its own effectiveness in pursuing its vision.

This section of the Annual Report highlights the challenges and solutions that seniors and seniors' service providers raised most repeatedly during the past year, along with the recommendations that the Council has drafted in response. The Council's resolutions are included in Appendix C of this Report.

1. *Housing*

Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Ministry of Seniors continue to lead and facilitate initiatives in the development of coordinated information strategies that improve collection, distribution and marketing of the range of housing options and services available throughout Alberta.
- 1.2 That the Ministry of Seniors, in conjunction with the Alberta Long Term Care Association, develop a fact sheet or other information tool that differentiates between housing and health costs involved with long term care, and that the Ministry of Seniors develop a communication strategy for distributing this information to seniors.
- 1.3 That the Ministry of Seniors coordinate the development of a framework or template to guide seniors' organizations in developing supportive living housing registries.
- 1.4 That the Ministry of Seniors be aware of, encourage and support private sector initiatives that positively impact the housing system.
- 1.5 That the Minister of Seniors take every opportunity to encourage Members of the Legislative Assembly to visit seniors' housing facilities in their communities.
- 1.6 That the Minister of Seniors, in partnership with the Minister of Health and Wellness, reinstate SSHIP and HAPI seed funding for the new capital and renovations of existing supportive housing projects.

Discussion

Providing seniors with information about all available housing options is crucial. Ideally, a **province-wide data base** would be developed and seniors and their caregivers would be able to readily obtain such information through Family and Community Support Services offices, Regional Health Authority facilities and offices of provincial and municipal governments, as well as on-line.

The recent substantial increase in accommodation rates for long-term care caused considerable confusion and anxiety among seniors living in these facilities and their families. A **province-wide communication effort about housing and health costs involved with long-term care** would help to reduce misunderstandings by clarifying the difference between accommodation costs and health care costs, and clarifying which costs are covered by government funding and which must be covered by the resident.

The Kerby Centre in Calgary has recently developed a 'light care' housing registry that supplements what the Alberta Senior Citizens Housing Association provides and fills a need for seniors looking for this type of housing. Seniors' organizations in other parts of our province should be supported in their efforts to **develop similarly useful registries for use by seniors and their families** who wish to explore supportive living housing options.

The private sector has a role to play in ensuring that Alberta seniors have access to appropriate housing options. The Statesman Life Centres' soon to be built Stay Well Manor in Calgary, an assisted living model that will bridge the gap between independent living and long term care, is just one example of **seniors' housing provided by the private sector** that will meet needs. Such initiatives should be encouraged and supported as part of a comprehensive housing system for seniors.

Those who operate and live in seniors' living facilities have told the Council how much they value and benefit from **visits by local MLAs**. The Council encourages these visits as a means of demonstrating an appreciation of our seniors and as a means of keeping lines of communication open between seniors, their facility operators and our government.

In discussions with those who operate supportive housing facilities, members of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta are regularly told about the many benefits that flowed from the SSHIP and HAPI funding programs. **Reinstatement of these programs** would help to ensure that tomorrow's seniors have access to the range of quality housing options currently enjoyed by today's seniors.

2. Health and Wellness

Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Ministry of Seniors immediately review the payment process for the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program with a view to paying the service provider directly, rather than the applying senior, for services provided under the guidelines of the program.
- 2.2 That the Minister of Seniors emphasize to the Minister of Health and Wellness the necessity of comprehensive end-of-life care across the province.
- 2.3 That Alberta Health and Wellness and the Regional Health Authorities distribute information on seniors' issues in conjunction with their flu shot program clinics.

Discussion

Paying the service provider, rather than the senior, would help to ensure that Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program **funds are used for the intended purposes** and that seniors receive the services they require.

To meet the needs of seniors and their families across Alberta, it is important that the delivery of all health care services, including those related to the **end-of-life stage**, be comprehensive and consistent across the province.

Alberta's health care providers are encouraged to recognize that when seniors attend **flu clinics**, on an annual basis, there is an opportunity to meet their needs for **information about other seniors' programs and services**.

3. Housing and Health

Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Ministry of Alberta Seniors study the need for shelters for abused seniors and inform the Council of its findings.
- 3.2 That the Ministries of Health and Wellness and Seniors consider performing comprehensive 'Impact Assessments' when proceeding with changes to seniors' programs and services.

- 3.3 That the Ministries of Health and Wellness and Seniors develop proactive communication strategies that clearly explain the rationale for program changes and also the resulting improvements that these changes to seniors' programs and services will generate.

Discussion

Council members have been provided with anecdotal information about **the need for temporary housing for abused seniors**, similar to what is available in many communities for victims of spousal abuse and their children. The Council would appreciate having this need acknowledged and investigated on a province-wide basis.

Changes to seniors' programs and services can cause considerable anxiety and hardship for those seniors whose lifestyles are constrained by fixed incomes. The recent **substantial increase in accommodation rates for long-term care** is one example cited frequently over the past four months. The relatively short notice period of six weeks caused difficulties for some seniors and their families who needed to adjust their fixed-income budgets.

Comprehensive impact assessments and **proactive communications**, that thoroughly explain the rationale for decisions, would help to mitigate hardships and build seniors' confidence and trust in government decision-making.

4. Collaborative Communities

Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Alberta Seniors Ministry develop a province-wide resource base as soon as possible and share successful "ideas that work"/best practices community models, with data being provided by credible sources, such as the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, through its consultations within communities.
- 4.2 That increased collaboration between seniors' centres in Alberta be encouraged and supported by both municipal and provincial governments in order to ensure their future sustainability, with mediation provided on request.
- 4.3 That the Minister of Seniors work with the Minister of Community Development to improve promotion of all stages of the Alberta Seniors Games from Zones to the final Provincial Games.
- 4.4 That the Ministry of Seniors continue to provide wide distribution of the annually updated "Seniors Programs and Services Information Guide" including information on Seniors' Week and the Alberta Seniors Games (i.e. dates and theme of the Annual Seniors' Week and location of Seniors Games and who to contact).

Discussion

Collaboration is the key to helping seniors live life to the fullest and an **integrated response** to seniors' needs, developed at the local level, is a priority. While collaboration in the provision of programs and services for seniors is working very well in some communities, Council members have learned the value of continuing to seek and **share information** about the challenges that seniors face and the ideas that are working. Since the Council serves as a communication link between Alberta's seniors and the Government of Alberta, consulting with seniors and providing information to seniors and government will remain a priority.

As noted on page 58 of *Alberta For All Ages: Directions for the Future*, the use of shared resources and information among community organizations and agencies, regional health authorities and all levels of government should be encouraged and supported to reduce duplication, increase efficiencies and maximize benefits for everyone involved. The work and impact of Calgary's ABC Fraud Advisory Committee is one example of community success stories that should be shared. This volunteer-based effort has favourable statistics and has resulted in a decrease in the number of victims of fraud.

The Seniors' Centres Study Group Report, entitled *Current and Future Roles and Needs of Seniors' Centres in Alberta*, states "with increasing numbers of seniors, all agencies and sectors, including governmental, non-profit, and private sectors, may need to explore increased inter-agency cooperation to meet the challenges of the future." The experiences of Council members over the past six months suggests that some seniors' centres require encouragement and support to effectively collaborate in best meeting the needs of today's and tomorrow's seniors. Where initial efforts to collaborate are unsuccessful, **mediation** by an unbiased third party would be helpful and should be provided on request.

The Alberta Seniors Games is a valuable initiative in that it provides the potential to enhance active living amongst Alberta seniors. It also provides a wonderful forum for fellowship and health promotion. Given the outstanding organization of the Provincial Games, there is the potential for expanding the numbers of competitors, volunteers and spectators through additional promotion, thereby enhancing the positive impacts the Seniors Games have on the quality of seniors' lives.

Council members see the upcoming provincial **Centennial Celebration** as an opportunity to expand seniors' involvement in both the Seniors Games and Seniors' Week, thus increasing the benefits that stem from their participation.

5. Education

Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Minister of Seniors formally approach the Minister of Learning, promoting the inclusion of “aging – specific” content in the curriculum at all levels of education, specifically Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- 5.2 That the Minister of Seniors formally approach the Ministers of Learning and Health and Wellness, promoting Gerontological Education as a mandatory component in all healthcare professional programs.

Discussion

Albertans of all ages need to better understand the natural human life cycle and the impacts that aging has on our lives. Despite successful intergenerational initiatives, some students, elementary through high school, have negative perceptions of older people and are unable to fully appreciate the contributions that seniors have made and continue to make in our communities. The inclusion of “aging-specific” content in school curricula, accompanied by intergenerational activities such as grandparent reading programs and the Friends of Seniors Foundation program, would help to overcome the myths associated with aging and would help to ensure that seniors’ contributions to our communities are appropriately valued.

Given our aging population, there is a need to interest an increasing number of health care providers in the fields related to **gerontology**. Exposing all health care students to gerontology would increase understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of seniors. There is also a need for drawing students, who are the **future researchers**, into this field of practice. The type of educational facility the student attends influences curriculum interest in research findings as a foundation for academic content. Also, the funding available for research is always a concern to researchers. It is the responsibility of the Alberta Association on Gerontology and the Canadian Association on Gerontology to promote aging focused research, and support, both financial and in-kind, will continue to be offered through the University of Calgary.

D. COMMUNICATIONS WITH SENIORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Seniors Advisory Council undertakes research projects, and writes and distributes reports and *Update*, a quarterly newsletter. Through these activities, the Council increases communication of timely, accurate information reaching all seniors and seniors' service providers.

1. Publications

During the past year, the Council developed, produced and distributed the following publications:

- *Semi-Annual Report for the Period April 1 to September 30, 2002*, distributed to the Minister of Seniors and all MLAs and *2002-2003 Annual Report*, for the Minister of Seniors, with province-wide distribution
- *Semi-Annual Report for the Period April 1 to September 30, 2003*, distributed to the Minister of Seniors and all MLAs
- *Residential Care Homes: A Supportive Housing Option Final Report*, the result of almost two years of research and consultation with key stakeholders undertaken by the Council's Ad Hoc Residential Housing Committee, formed in the fall of 2001 to assess the need for Residential Care Homes and to determine if any changes need to be put in place
- *A Guide for the Operation of a Residential Care Home, Revised October 2003* and *For Prospective Residents: A Guide to Select a Residential Care Home, Revised October 2003*
- The 16-page Seniors' Week 2003 Special Edition of the *Update* newsletter, which provided information about the three-community kick-off to the week and the hundreds of activities planned across the province
- *Consultation with Seniors and Service Providers: Medicine Hat and Area - South Region*, forwarded to the Minister of Seniors and all participants, including MLAs in the region
- *Final Report on Seniors' Health Supports*, which was the result of an extensive process to gather stakeholders' views on Seniors Health Supports, presented to the Minister of Seniors in February 2004, and
- The 20-page *Planning Events Guide for Seniors' Week June 6 to 12, 2004*.

News Release:

***May 30 – Seniors in Alberta
– Vital, Active and Involved!
Seniors' Week 2003 pays
tribute to the vitality and
activity of Alberta's senior
citizens***

Seniors' Week 2003 recognizes the energy, enthusiasm and involvement of seniors in Alberta's communities. *Vital-Active-Involved* is the theme of the weeklong celebration from June 1–7.

"Seniors' Week provides Albertans of all ages with the opportunity to pay tribute to the seniors of Alberta who have helped build our province," said Stan Woloshyn, Minister of Alberta Seniors. "Seniors continue to make valuable contributions to enhancing the quality of life of Albertans through their volunteerism and activities. This week is a great way to say 'thank you'."

**For the full text of this news
release, see
<http://www.gov.ab.ca/acn/200305/14495.html>**

E. SENIORS' WEEK 2003

Each year, a committee of Seniors Advisory Council members spearheads the development of Seniors' Week to:

- recognize and honour seniors in Alberta
- highlight the positive contributions that seniors are making in communities, and
- promote understanding of, and encourage positive attitudes towards, seniors.

Once again this year, the Council distributed a planning events guide and poster to help Albertans create events to celebrate seniors' past, current and future contributions in Alberta and say a warm 'thank you' to seniors in their communities.

Seniors' Week 2003 was officially launched on May 30, with fun-filled events in Stony Plain, Edmonton and Lethbridge. Then, during hundreds of events from June 1 to 7, Albertans and communities throughout our province celebrated the ongoing contributions Alberta seniors make. These events, which helped promote a greater understanding of aging, were detailed in the Council's special 16-page Seniors' Week 2003 edition of the *Update* newsletter.

This year's theme *Vital-Active-Involved* spoke to seniors' levels of participation in our communities, where we all benefit from their generosity and willingness to give of themselves to provide assistance in any capacity.

1. Most Creative Event Contest 2003

The Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta also provides organizations with an opportunity to submit their unique events honouring seniors in the annual Most Creative Event Contest. In 2003 the Council hosted the fifth annual *Most Creative Event Contest* and encouraged organizations and communities to “have fun celebrating seniors, who give so much for their community!”

Entrants were asked to describe their creative event, held during Seniors’ Week, in 200 words or less and to include up to four photographs taken during the event that could be used for future Seniors’ Week promotional materials. Before making a recommendation to the full Council, a Council Committee reviewed the 16 entries and evaluated them based on:

- the originality of the event
- the number of participants in the event
- the age range of the participants, and
- how involved the participants were in the event.

The 2003 Most Creative Event award recipient was the City of Calgary, Seniors Services Division for showcasing the diverse talents of Calgary seniors and intergenerational groups at the Olympic Plaza in downtown Calgary during Seniors’ Week. More than 100 performers demonstrated to a broad intergenerational audience of some 1,500 people that Calgary seniors are “Vital, Active, Involved.” By reaching a very diverse audience, these seniors were able to negate many stereotypes and ageist attitudes.

Honourable Mentions went to:

- Coronation Health Centre
- Crestview Rhythm Band on the Road
- Didsbury Seniors Support Services
- Lac La Biche Heritage Society, and
- North Peace Housing Foundation.

F. SUMMARY OF 2003-2004 BUDGET AND EXPENSES

	Budget	Actual
Salary, wages and employee benefits	\$115,000	\$119,371
Supplies and services (travel, accommodation, supplies and contracts)	132,000	126,568
Other expenditures (MLA fees and expenses)	15,000	15,255
Total	\$262,000	\$261,194

APPENDIX A. COUNCIL MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES

The Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta is a government appointed body. A Member of the Legislative Assembly, appointed by the Premier, chairs the Council and other members are appointed by Order-in-Council. They include one representative each from the Alberta Medical Association and Alberta universities and representatives of the seven regions of the province. This regional structure, developed by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta in 1997, maximizes the resources of the Council and the location of the Council members.

The current members of the Council as of March 31, 2004, are:

Ms. Karen Kryczka, MLA, Calgary-West, Chair

Karen Kryczka was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Calgary-West Constituency in March 1997 and was appointed Chair of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta. She has served as a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services, and is presently a member of the Health and Community Living Standing Policy Committee. She was Chair of the Government-Wide Study on the Impact of the Aging Population and Vice-Chair of the Long-Term Care Review Policy Advisory Committee. She is presently Deputy Chair of the All Party Private Bills Committee and Deputy Chair of the Health Information Act Review Committee. Ms. Kryczka completed a B.A. in Psychology at the University of Alberta Edmonton, and after moving to Calgary in 1959, obtained a B.Ed. in Social Studies and a Graduate Diploma in Educational Psychology. She has worked as a Guidance Counselor for the Calgary Board of Education, as Personnel Manager for the law firm Bennett Jones and as a contract corporate fund-raiser for the United Way of Calgary. Ms. Kryczka has been a volunteer in many organizations including the University of Calgary Senate, Calgary Aquabelles, Sport Alberta, and is a longtime volunteer for the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. She is married, has two children, two stepchildren, and nine grandchildren. She very much enjoys being an 'adventure' Grandma, golfing and skiing in her leisure time.

Mr. Jim P. Acton, Edmonton, representing the Edmonton and Area Region

Jim Acton was born, raised, and educated in Alberta. He is an active member of the community, participating in more than 20 not-for-profit organizations. He has been a member of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and a board member of the Edmonton Recreation Council. Mr. Acton's past activities include acting as the government's liaison official with Universiade '83 and the 1988 Calgary Olympic Games. In 1987, Mr. Acton was appointed Executive Director of the Mayor's office in Edmonton. Mr. Acton is now retired from the Government of Alberta, where he worked for 38 years. He received the Government of

Canada medal for outstanding contributions in community service. In 2002 Jim received the Queens Jubilee Medal for outstanding service to the community. Mr. Acton is married with five children and eight grandchildren.

Dr. David L. Belcher, representing the Alberta Medical Association

David Belcher was born and raised in the UK, where he obtained a medical degree from Cambridge University and entered family practice. He moved to Canada with his wife and family in 1969, and lives and works as a general practitioner in Drayton Valley. Dr. Belcher has also conducted short-term relief medical work in India and Africa, and since 1984 he has been extensively involved in the medical care of the elderly, also serving as a member of the Alberta Medical Association Committee on Aging and the ad hoc committee on Continuing Care. Dr. Belcher is married with three daughters and five grandchildren, is a lay reader in the Anglican Church and enjoys floral and landscape photography.

Ms. Diane Caleffi, Calgary, representing Calgary and Area Region

Diane Caleffi began her career in Calgary with the Calgary Police Service as an Executive Secretary, where she worked in the Field Operations and Tactical Support Sections and with Olympic Security for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games.

Throughout the 1990's, Diane worked for TransAlta Corporation, first as Senior Confidential Secretary in the Customer Service Department, then as Executive Assistant to Senior Vice-Presidents of Legal / South America, Public Affairs / Communications and Human Resources. After working in the oil and gas industry for two years, Diane was employed as the Executive Assistant to the President & CEO of one of Calgary's major homebuilders.

Diane now runs her own business, "EA for a Day", and specializes in providing a high level of "executive/personal assistant care" based on her related experience as an Executive Assistant and her extensive work in the field of secretarial services.

She has also served as a member of Executive Women International and has dedicated time to her community as Safety Officer for the Calgary West Little League, providing CPR training, and through volunteer work with the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter.

Diane is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Calgary Health Region. Her goals on Council are to listen and learn, and to be an effective voice for seniors, as well as to work collaboratively with government to get the views of seniors heard.

Dr. Sandra Hirst, Calgary, representing Alberta's Universities

Sandra Hirst is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary. Her teaching and professional interests are in the areas of aging and disability, health and well being of older adults, and the educational needs of those who work with them. Dr. Hirst holds a number of board positions, including the Alberta Association on Gerontology, and the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association.

Mrs. Ellen Kemp, Millet, representing the East Central Region

Ellen Kemp spent 33 years in agriculture with her husband as an equal partner specializing in the dairy business. She also worked for seven years in home support. She's currently serving her tenth year on the board of directors for Seniors' Homes and Community Housing in Wetaskiwin. In 2004 she received her 20-year pin for volunteering with the Canadian Red Cross in Edmonton.

Ellen is also an active member of the Millet Seniors Organization, her church, the Millet Arts and Crafts Guild, Leduc West Antique Society, and volunteers wherever help is needed. Her hobbies include gardening and quilting. She and her husband William have two children and three grandsons.

Mr. Dennis King, Lethbridge, representing the South Region

Dennis King recently retired after 32 years as teacher, principal and administrator in the Palliser Regional School Division. He taught in the communities of Coalhurst, Coaldale, and Picture Butte. He currently serves as Chair of the Green Acres Foundation, a senior citizen housing management body in southern Alberta. Mr. King is also the southern representative to the provincial board of the Alberta Seniors Citizens Housing Association. Dennis is the Interim Executive Director of South Country Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre, in Lethbridge. He and his wife Dianne have three grown children.

Mr. Leonard Olson, High Prairie, representing the North West Region

Leonard Olson is from Northern Alberta. He attended high school in Westlock, attended NAIT and Grant MacEwan College studying Business Administration. Leonard worked in many different fields from laborer, office work, log scaler, truck driver, provincial government and Northern Lakes College.

Leonard retired in 1999 from Northern Lakes College in Grouard, and began delivering Priority Post for Canada Post. He has served four terms on Town Council in High Prairie, is very active in his community and enjoys golfing in the summer. He currently lives in High Prairie and has two children and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Evelyn Onofryszyn, Eckville, representing the West Central Region

Evelyn Onofryszyn has extensive experience with a variety of boards and panels, as well as other community involvements. Mrs. Onofryszyn served as Chairman of the Eckville Hospital Board and has been involved with the Eckville Manor House Senior Citizens' Home Board, the Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association, and the Central Regional Conference of the Alberta Health Care Association. Mrs. Onofryszyn is currently the Manager of the Blindman Valley Propane Co-operative Association Ltd. She has four children and seven grandchildren and is actively involved in the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Janet Tomalty, Barrhead, representing the North East Region

Janet Tomalty is a Certified Management Accountant. She is currently the Chief Administrative Officer for the Barrhead and District Social Housing Association, consisting of two Seniors Supportive Living Buildings, four Independent Living Buildings, Specialized Housing and Community Family Housing. Mrs. Tomalty is the Chairperson of the Human Services Network Committee and in addition to her work sits on the local Poverty Group, and is spearheading the development of a potential Habitat for Humanity in her area. Mrs. Tomalty and her husband have been married 23 years, live close to Barrhead and have two teenagers.

APPENDIX B. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER EVENTS

This Appendix results from Council members' commitment to record all of the events in which they participated during the last year.

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
April 2003		
2	Calgary Health Region Regional Seniors Health Forum – Southwood Care Centre, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
3	Crime Prevention for Seniors – Bridgeland/Riverside Community Association, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
3	Presentation on Chinese Health	Noordean Tejpar
8	Seniors' Week Event Planning for North East Calgary, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
8	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing meeting	Karen Kryczka
9-10	Alberta Seniors/Seniors Advisory Council Information Session for Seniors - FCSS, Peace River	Margaret Heath
14	Alberta Seniors/Seniors Advisory Council Information Session for Seniors – Drift Pile First Nations, Drift Pile	Margaret Heath
14	Full Council Telephone Conference Meeting	Full Council
15	Seniors' Week Event Planning for North East Calgary, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
15	Alberta Seniors/Seniors Advisory Council Information Session for Seniors – Kinuso Drop In Centre, Kinuso	Margaret Heath
15	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing meeting	Karen Kryczka
16	Greater Forest Lawn Annual General Meeting, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
17	Easter Lunch with Renfrew Seniors, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
17	Residential Housing Ad Hoc Telephone Conference Meeting	Karen Kryczka Carol Blyth Margaret Heath Janet Tomalty Dennis King Peter Portlock
22	Seniors' Week Event Planning for North East Calgary, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
22	Seniors Health Supports Ad Hoc Telephone Conference Meeting	Karen Kryczka Dr. David Belcher Dr. Sandi Hirst Harry Zuurbier Peter Portlock

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
April 23	Seniors Housing Forum – Mount Royal College, Calgary	Carol Blyth Noordean Tejpar Harry Zuurbier
24	Networking – Huntington Pioneers Association, Calgary	Harry Zuurbier
25	Alberta Council on Aging – Annual General Meeting, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
28	Elder Friendly Communities Program, Seniors Voice – Marlborough Park Community Association, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
28	Calgary Homeless Study – Calgary Homeless Foundation Seniors Sector Committee, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
28	Residential Housing Ad Hoc Stakeholders Consultation, Calgary	Carol Blyth Margaret Heath Dennis King Karen Kryczka Peter Portlock
28	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Executive Meeting	Karen Kryczka Ellen Kemp Dennis King
29	Seniors Advisory Council Information Session for Seniors – Seniors Drop In Centre, Grande Prairie	Margaret Heath
29	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing meeting with writer	Karen Kryczka
May 2003		
2	Residential Housing Ad Hoc Stakeholders Consultation	Karen Kryczka
5	Seniors Conference Leadership – Golden Age Club, Calgary	Harry Zuurbier
5	Leadership Conference – Seniors Conference Planning Committee, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
6	East Area Seniors Week Planning, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
6	Residential Housing Ad Hoc Stakeholders Consultation, Edmonton	Carol Blyth Margaret Heath Dennis King Karen Kryczka Peter Portlock
7	Seniors Advisory Council Information Session for Seniors, Berwyn/Nampa	Margaret Heath
8-9	Quarterly Full Council Meeting, Calgary	Full Council
12	Meeting with Council Manager	Karen Kryczka
12	Meeting with Minister of Seniors regarding: Seniors Health Supports	Karen Kryczka Dr. Sandi Hirst

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
May 14	Discussion on Osteoporosis, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
16	Legal Workshop – Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
16	Mount Royal Gerontology Advisory Committee Meeting, Calgary	Carol Blyth
21	Friends of Seniors Luncheon, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
21	Metropolitan Calgary Foundation Annual General Meeting, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
22	2005 Seniors Games Selection Meeting, Edmonton	Jim Acton
23	15th Board of Directors Inauguration – Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
24	Alzheimer's Symposium, Red Deer	Harry Long
26	Seniors Voice, Elder Friendly Communities Project – Marlborough Community Association, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
26	Seniors Advisory Council Information Session – Northgate Lions, Edmonton	Peter Portlock
26	Residential Housing Ad Hoc Meeting, Edmonton	Karen Kryczka Carol Blyth Margaret Heath Dennis King Janet Tomalty
26	Seniors Health Supports Ad Hoc Telephone Conference Meeting	Karen Kryczka Dr. David Belcher Dr. Sandi Hirst Harry Zuurbier Peter Portlock
27	Kerby Centre of Excellence Workshop – Kerby Centre, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar Harry Zuurbier
27	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
28	Interview with Calgary Herald, Calgary	Carol Blyth
30	Networking Sandstone Building Adult Daycare, Okotoks	Harry Zuurbier
30	Seniors' Week 2003 Kick Off, Stony Plain, Edmonton, Lethbridge	Karen Kryczka Harry Long Jim Acton Dennis King
31	Alberta Association on Gerontology – Seniors' Resource Fair, Calgary	Carol Blyth
31	Calgary Seniors Resource Fair, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar Harry Zuurbier

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
June 2003		
2	Seniors Week Celebration, Calgary	Carol Blyth
3	Colonel Belcher Opening, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
3	Networking Medicine Tree Manor, High River	Harry Zuurbier
3	Adult Day Program, Nanton	Harry Zuurbier
3	Playfair Lodge Seniors' Week Activity, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
4	Ministers Seniors Service Awards, Edmonton	Karen Kryczka
4	North Glenmore Seniors Fair, Calgary	Harry Zuurbier
4	East Area Seniors Day, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
4	Metropolitan Calgary Foundations Annual Seniors Event, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
4	Canadian Association of Retired Persons Open House, Calgary	Carol Blyth
4	Seniors Fair, Medicine Hat	Dennis King
5	4 th Annual Multicultural Fiesta – Immigrant Seniors, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
6	Calgary Foundation Sod Turning, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
6	Sikh Temple Tour, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
6	Tour of Prince of Peace Manor, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
7	Seniors' Week Celebration – Whitehorn Retirement Village, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
9	Seniors Health Supports Ad Hoc Public Input Session, Red Deer	Karen Kryczka Dr. David Belcher Dr. Sandi Hirst
12	General Meeting – Coalition of Seniors Advocates, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
12	Vitalize 2003, Edmonton	Jim Acton Harry Long
12	Seniors Health Supports Ad Hoc Public Input Session, Edmonton	Karen Kryczka Dr. David Belcher Peter Portlock
16	Wind up and Evaluation of Seniors' Day, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
16	Discussion on Services for Seniors – Mountainview Community Association, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
16	Recommendations Sub Committee Meeting, Calgary	Karen Kryczka Dennis King Harry Zuurbier
16	Capital Health – Continuing Care Services Home Care Stakeholders Meeting – Edmonton General Hospital, Edmonton	Peter Portlock

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
June 16	Seniors Health Supports Ad Hoc Public Input Session, Calgary	Karen Kryczka Dr. Sandi Hirst Harry Zuurbier
17	Speaker Series at Prince of Peace Village, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
23	Elder Friendly Communities Program, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
23	Annual General Meeting – Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
24	Kerby Centre Information Session, Calgary	Carol Blyth
26	Opening of Adult Private ‘Light Care’ Home Registry – Kerby Centre, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
26	Seniors Resource Group Information Meeting – Haysboro Community Association, Calgary	Carol Blyth
29	Community Partnership for Homelessness and Affordable Housing Workshop – Calgary Homeless Foundation, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
July 2003		
3	Bow Cliff Seniors Stampede Lunch, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
8	Southern Alberta Pioneers Afternoon Tea, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
9	Annual Ismaili Seniors Action Team Celebration, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
21	Seniors Health Supports conference meeting	Karen Kryczka
24-27	2003 Seniors Games, Fort McMurray	Jim Acton Janet Tomalty Karen Kryczka
31	Seniors’ Week 2003 – Most Creative Event Contest Selection Committee, Edmonton	Ellen Kemp Harry Long
August 2003		
5	Presentation of Residential Housing Report to the Minister of Seniors, Edmonton	Karen Kryczka Dennis King
6	Staff briefing session	Karen Kryczka
September 2003		
2	ABC Fraud Advisory Committee – Calgary Seniors Resource Centre, Calgary	Harry Zuurbier
5	Networking – A meeting with Bowness Seniors, Calgary	Harry Zuurbier
5	Greater Edmonton Foundation, Rosslyn Place, Edmonton	Jim Acton
5	Staff briefing session	Karen Kryczka
8	Bethany Care Golf Tournament Breakfast, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
11	Elder Friendly Communities Program, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
11	Northern Professional Development Day, Grande Prairie	Margaret Heath

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
September 11-12	Seniors Services Workshop, Edmonton	Karen Kryczka Dr. David Belcher Jim Acton Harry Long Harry Zuurbier
12-13	Kerby Fall Expo 2003 – Kerby Centre, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
17-19	Quarterly Full Council Meeting, Medicine Hat	Full Council
25	Seniors Health Supports Ad Hoc Public Input Session, Fort MacLeod	Karen Kryczka Dennis King Harry Zuurbier
27	Seniors Resource Fair – Fishcreek Seniors, Calgary	Carol Blyth
29	Staff briefing session	Karen Kryczka
29-30	Aging of the Driving Population, Edmonton	Jim Acton
October 2003		
2	Meetings in Grande Prairie	Karen Kryczka
3	Seniors Intersectoral Planning meeting	Karen Kryczka
7	Meeting with staff	Karen Kryczka
9	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta meetings, Calgary	Full Council
10	Kerby Centre meeting	Karen Kryczka
22	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
29	Seniors Health Supports meeting	Karen Kryczka
November 2003		
1	39 th Annual Meeting of Central Alberta Seniors Citizens Homes Association, Red Deer	Harry Long
3	Calgary Coalition for Aging Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, Calgary	Dr. Sandi Hirst
6	Alberta Council on Aging Region 6, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
6	Presentation to seniors at Pioneer Senior Home, Hythe	Margaret Heath
7	Lethbridge Seniors' Community Forum, Lethbridge	Dennis King
13	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
17	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
18	Seniors Resource Clinic, Wetaskiwin	Dennis King Ellen Kemp
19	Alberta Government Services Stakeholder Consultation and Overview of Business Plan, Edmonton	Ellen Kemp
19	Calgary Seniors' Resource Society, Calgary	Noordean Tejpar
21	Pilgrims Hospice Society, Edmonton	Ellen Kemp
25-28	Alberta Senior Citizens Housing Association Convention, Calgary	Dennis King Janet Tomalty
26	Calgary Association of Retired Persons, Calgary	Carol Blyth

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
November 27	Elder Friendly City Wide Meeting, Calgary	Carol Blyth
December 2003		
4	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
5	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta meeting, Edmonton	Full Council
11	Drumheller Composite High School Seniors Christmas Dinner, Drumheller	Evelyn Onofryszyn
January 2004		
9	Bethany Harvest Hills tour	Karen Kryczka
13	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
21	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
21	Alberta Gerontological Nurses Association Local Meeting, Calgary	Dr. Sandi Hirst
23	Tour of Wm. J. Cadzow Health Care Centre – Extended Care, Lac La Biche	Janet Tomalty
23	Tour of Greater North Foundation – Lacalta Lodge, Lac La Biche	Janet Tomalty
23	Presentation of Honourable Mention Award, Lac La Biche Heritage Society, Lac La Biche	Janet Tomalty
29	Alzheimer's' organization lunch, Calgary	Karen Kryczka
30	Alberta Council on Aging	Karen Kryczka
February 2004		
3	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
5	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta orientation for new members	Karen Kryczka
6	Seniors Community Forum, Lethbridge	Dennis King
11	Forum presented by Pascoe Management regarding compulsory medical disclosure of medically at risk drivers, Edmonton	Jim Acton
13	Presentation of Honourable Mention Award, Didsbury and District Seniors, Didsbury	Evelyn Onofryszyn
13	Workshop-Quality of Life for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities as they age, Calgary	Dr. Sandi Hirst
17	Committee on 'End of Life Care Study', University of Alberta, Edmonton	Ellen Kemp
18	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
23	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
24	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta briefing	Karen Kryczka
27	Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta meeting, Calgary	Karen Kryczka

Date	Event	Council Representative(s)
March 2004		
2	Calgary Meals on Wheels, Calgary	Diane Caleffi
4	Newthorad Foundation Thorhild Lodge Visit, Thorhild	Janet Tomalty
4	Red Deer Hospice Society, Red Deer	Evelyn Onofryszyn
16	Inaugural Session Tele Geriatric Consultation, Drayton Valley	Dr. David Belcher
16	Presentation on Health Support Interventions for Impaired Elderly and their Caregivers, Calgary	Dr. Sandi Hirst
17	Annual General Meeting, Association of Adult Day Support Programs, Edmonton	Jim Acton
17	Alberta Association on Gerontology Calgary Chapter, Calgary	Diane Caleffi
17	Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta Conference, Edmonton	Diane Caleffi
17	Alberta Cancer Board Back to the Future Conference, Edmonton	Diane Caleffi
17	Bow Cliff Seniors, Calgary	Diane Caleffi
24	Calgary Seniors' Resource Society, Calgary	Diane Caleffi
31	Seniors United Now Meeting, Sherwood Park	Jim Acton
31	Networking Session, Alberta Legislature	Full Council

APPENDIX C. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Based on what Council members have heard and experienced during the past year, the Council has made a number of resolutions to enhance its own effectiveness in pursuing its vision. This appendix highlights these Council resolutions developed in its ongoing efforts to continuously improve its operations.

1. *Housing*

Resolutions

- 1.1 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta recognize the value of outreach training programs that facilitate the training and skills upgrading of formal caregivers (staff) in seniors' facilities.
- 1.2 That Council members continue networking with the groups taking responsibility for housing seniors (e.g. Alberta Senior Citizens Housing Association, Calgary Homeless Foundation, private sector, etc.) and report back to the full Council.
- 1.3 That the Council further discuss the need for standards for seniors' housing.

Discussion

Council members recognize the value of staff development programs that have been developed and delivered by the Brenda Stafford Foundation at Wentworth Manor and Bowview Manor and through distance learning by Grant MacEwan Community College, Red Deer College and others. Council members wish to continue their efforts to support these initiatives along with other "ideas that work" of which they become aware.

As issues related to seniors' housing continue to be raised by seniors, their families and their service providers, Council members are committed to continue exploring these topics and keeping themselves well informed on an ongoing basis.

2. Health and Wellness

Resolutions

- 2.1 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta further study the ongoing issues of fraud and elder abuse (i.e. the effectiveness of programs and resources available, etc) as a matter of priority interest over the next six months.
- 2.2 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta continue to collaborate with Alberta Transportation as they work to address the costs of DriveABLE type programs.
- 2.3 That the Seniors Advisory Council obtain and review a copy of the Baker Report for information specifically related to seniors.

Discussion

Communication with seniors and their service providers confirms that elder abuse remains an issue in Alberta, as it does in other jurisdictions. All seniors should be better provided with the information they need to prevent, recognize and resolve abusive situations.

Council members wish to better inform themselves on the issue of elder abuse, as well as on the high fees for driver competence testing. As the Council does not currently have sufficient information on which to base recommendations or resolutions to address these concerns, further exploration in both areas is warranted and will be a priority over the coming months.

3. Housing and Health

Resolutions

- 3.1 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta strike an Ad Hoc Committee to study issues related to informal care giving (e.g. respite, responsibilities of families and the public domain).
- 3.2 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta gather more information on issues related to planning for retirement, such as financial planning and lifestyle planning and sustainability.

4. Collaborative Communities

Resolutions

- 4.1 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta develop new strategies to better network with seniors organizations, seniors' housing facilities, etc. to better understand their mandates, successes and challenges.
- 4.2 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta members' efforts to attend and recognize all important seniors' functions be continued and expanded.
- 4.3 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta members continue and expand their efforts to promote the Council to ethnically diverse seniors' communities and attend their functions where appropriate.
- 4.4 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta partner with Alberta Sport Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Seniors to expand cross-promotion of and participation in the 2005 Alberta Seniors Games and the 2005 Seniors' Week.
- 4.5 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta explore the plans for the Provincial Centennial in 2005 and their implications for the Council's work, such as local celebrations in their Regions.
- 4.6 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta pursue more regional consultations using small teams visiting smaller centres that the full Council may not visit. The goal is more complete coverage of Alberta areas, with visits scheduled in collaboration with Alberta Seniors Information Services Officers where possible.

5. Education

Resolutions

- 5.1 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta continue to make government aware that they have valuable knowledge and skills to contribute to stakeholder consultations.
- 5.2 That the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta arrange for timely presentations on relevant programs and services.

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